

DC Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting  
March 5, 2003

## Minutes

### **1. Quorum Call,**

A quorum was called at 8:10 with the following members in attendance:

Dan Barry  
Denise D'amour,  
Chris Craig,  
Rudi Schreiber  
James Koski,  
Lyn Stoesen,  
Conrad Smith,  
Patrick Burke,  
Amy Nevel  
Raymon Murchison,  
Harry Jaffe

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

### **3. Metropolitan Branch Trail Update**

Project Manager Chris Holben reported that a consulting firm has been selected to design the remainder of the trail. Also, DDOT recently released an alignment study for the Takoma Park section of the trail. There will be an April 1 public meeting to discuss study. The study is available in several places and online. Mr. Holben has been doing extensive outreach in the Takoma area.

### **4. Bicycle Master Plan**

Jim Sebastian said we are about to launch the public outreach piece of the bike plan update. There will be 8 rides and meetings in each of the wards between April and June. He said we only have one shot at these events, so it is critical to make them successful. He said that tonight we will do a dry run of the public meeting mapping exercise. We will break into groups to review each ward map.

Toole Design reported that the website is posted ([www.ddot.dc.gov](http://www.ddot.dc.gov) or [www.bikemap.com/dcbikeplan](http://www.bikemap.com/dcbikeplan)). The existing conditions report is there, as is public meeting info. We will add maps and more data as it becomes available. Today the consultants started collecting data for bicycle level of service analysis (scored as A-F). They will do some bike counts to evaluate bike usage in various places where lanes exist or are planned.

The map work was explained and the meeting broke into ward-based groups.

After the exercise there was the following feedback:

- relocate color codes legend to make them more visible.
- Bring more fine point markers for detailed remarks.

## **5. Bicycle Registration**

The BAC legislative committee met to discuss the issue of bike registration. They also heard from a California bike registration company, and had an officer from the police department on hand to discuss challenges in bike registration. Ms. Nevel provided an overview of her report on registration, which laid out several options for improving bike registration. There was discussion of the options following Nevel's report. Ellen Jones asked what the central purpose of registration is -- bike recovery or safety? Schreiber said that the committee needs to answer that and make a recommendation to the full BAC.

## **6. Other Business**

There is a need to replace Bill Schultheiss, who has resigned to avoid conflict of interest. He is now working for Toole Design. His position open is at-large, appointed by Harold Brazil.

Bike to work day is May 2, Friday, with 15 locations. WABA and the Council Governments are the driving force behind the event. We aim to have 2000 riders this year (had 1000 last year), with about 500 at the Freedom Plaza location.